

## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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### **GEORGIA DOT REMINDS HOLIDAY TRAVELERS TO EXPECT DELAYS, PLAN AHEAD AND CALL 511**

ATLANTA—Labor Day weekend signals a close to the summer travel season and the Georgia Department of Transportation is advising motorists to expect delays, plan ahead and be patient.

“We anticipate a very busy travel weekend,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. “Traffic congestion on Thursday and Friday is expected to be heavier than normal, with rush hour beginning as early as 1:00 p.m. in high-volume areas.”

In metro Atlanta, those areas include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- I-75/85 southbound (Downtown Connector)
- I-285 on the top end
- SR 400 in both directions
- I-85 in Gwinnett County
- I-75 in Cobb County
- I-75 Southbound in Clayton and Henry counties

As a reminder, Georgia DOT will suspend construction-related lane closures on all interstates and major state routes from 5a.m. Friday, Sept. 4 until 10 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7.

Permanent lane closure may also be in place on I-85 in Meriwether and Coweta counties, I-75 in South Georgia and I-95 on the coast. Also, incident management or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

Check the maps on [www.georgia-navigator.com](http://www.georgia-navigator.com) for current road conditions, or call 511 on any phone for free, real-time traffic information. Traveler information is also available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org) and a toll-free number for callers from outside the state, 1-877-MYGA511 (1-877-694-2511).

Georgia 511 provides statewide traffic conditions, route-specific information and estimated travel times within metro Atlanta. Additionally, 511 callers can access transit providers, major

airports, rideshare organizations, Georgia tourism information and 511 systems in neighboring states. For those preparing to fly, 511 connects callers to airports in Atlanta and Savannah for information on parking, delays or connections to carriers. An automated voice recognition system guides the service, but callers can also reach live operators to report accidents or congestion, request HERO assistance or obtain additional information.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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